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NATIONAL TAX CONFERENCE

NEW MEXICO has representation in the tenth annual Conference of the National Tax Association this week, for the first time since the association was formed.

It is representative of an important character, for this state's delegation is composed of officers representing the State Taxpayers Association, an organization which in March 4, 1912, has acquired a national reputation for the accomplishment of desired results.

New Mexico's influence in tax matters and public economy will be made known throughout the nation, and the publicity so secured will be the most valuable in a positively hopeful way that has been given the state in many months, one of the most favorable arguments against this state in connection with development projects and investments has been the fact that its tax rate appears far out of proportion to wealth and population.

Hundreds of investors have been scared off by this tax rate. Tens of thousands have been frightened by tales of public extravagance, care and expense. The state has had a number of counties which in the past have deflected upon their inferior taxpayers, and whose bonds have not been sold for a word the state while relatively sound financial stability has acquired a bad financial reputation.

For the first time in this national tax conference the state will be set before the nation in its true light as to revenue, tax and financial matters and is doing that the taxpayers' association will have done New Mexico an enormous service, in addition to the large service which it has already performed here at home.

In addition to telling the National conference about the work of the Taxpayers' Association in New Mexico, President Hagerman and Director James will invite the conference to hold its next annual session in Albuquerque. If this can be brought about it will be beyond question the most valuable convention ever brought to the state. The National Tax Conference is composed of some three or four hundred taxation experts, heads of the economic departments of great colleges, chiefs of taxation departments of railway and other great corporations, chiefs of tax commissions of the various states; in a word the first authority of this nation upon practical as well as theoretical tax matters. These men represent not only the theory but the base of the large financial operations of the nation, governmental, corporate and personal. It is upon their advice that large financial operations are undertaken. They are the men who draft the tax laws of state and nation and who later supervise their operation.

To bring a body of men of this character to New Mexico for a week

is a notable achievement and of vast benefit to the state. It is certainly to be hoped that the representatives from New Mexico will be successful in their mission.

AN IMPORTANT CONVENTION.

At the same time New Mexicans can well afford to give some attention to the first annual meeting of the State Taxpayers Association, which will be held in this city September 28 and 29 during the state fair. The Taxpayers' Association of New Mexico, organized on September 1st last, is just entering its second year. Within ten months of active operation, its director has been able, directly and indirectly, to effect savings in cooperation with state, county and school officers which approximate \$500,000. In a word this organization in less than a year has cut 12% per cent from the total cost of operating New Mexico in all its divisions as per the public expense bills of 1912.

In considering this result sufficiently remarkable in itself, it should be kept in mind that the association is just beginning its work. Its larger problems are yet to be undertaken. It has its chief work to do. What has been done has been comparatively easy. The obvious leaks have been stopped. The later work will be to check leaks not so easy to detect, of larger problems of the problem collection of taxes levied, as well as the equitable assessment of property.

Here is a work in which every man who pays a dollar in taxes should take an active interest. He should be actively associated with it, helping it along with his moral support and his financial backing.

The association is not only non-partisan in principle but has fully demonstrated its ability to remain absolutely non-partisan and non-political in active practice. It has worked a year, it has accomplished remarkable results for the people and not the faintest taint of political activity or bias has been lodged against it.

Membership in the Taxpayers' Association is a trifle. The information given through the New Mexico Tax Review each month is alone worth the membership fee. The association is supported wholly by the dues of its members. It needs at least 1000 additional members for its second year. It should have double that number in addition to its present membership of about 1,000. It will be worth the while of every taxpayer to attend the annual meeting here next month and join the Association at or before that time.

The emblem of the Republican party of New Mexico, according to some of its influential leaders, is no longer the grand old flag, or the eagle and the shield. It is a pair of crossed sabres.

REPUBLICAN EVASIONS.

ADVOCATES of statewide prohibition are not satisfied with the plank in the Republican state platform favoring submission of a constitutional amendment for prohibition to the people of New Mexico. That plank was adopted after a bitter fight in the Resolutions committee of the Republican state convention. In fact nothing was discussed there except candidates.

Sincere advocates of submission now bring forward several points in the Republican plank with which they are dissatisfied. They say, in effect that the Republican declaration for submission is no declaration; that its indefiniteness makes it practically worthless.

Regardless of the merits of submission at this time, sincerity is a

quality which appeals to every man, and its lack never fails to leave its mark on any open mind. The Republican platform as regards submission, is just what the prohibition advocates say it is, an absolutely worthless and meaningless plank. It sets no date for submission; it does not bind the Republican members of the legislature who may be elected. It does not go on record as favoring submission this year, or twenty years from now. In fact certain Republican leaders were hard to say, while this plank was being adopted, that it might mean submission fifty years from now as well as by the legislature of 1912.

Evasion is always poor policy for the individual. It is equally poor policy for a political party. It assumes that the people are tools and the people slowly but surely are coming to resent this assumption by politicians, and shown so consistently by the Republican losses of this state.

The Republican party would have done better to have gone on record against submission, than to put out this half formed plank which gets nowhere and says nothing, and was meant to be evasive and futile.

The Herald is not undertaking to say to the Democratic convention now in session whether it should adopt a submission plank or not. That is the business of the convention. We do say most emphatically that if it does determine to adopt such a plank, it should be clear cut, definite and honest, free from evasion and on the square.

Indications are that the coming Labor Day will prove the most costly holiday for both labor and capital in the history of this great nation.

WISE ACT BY COMMISSIONERS.

AT the urgent request of a large number of the principal taxpayers of Bernallito county, and fortified by an opinion of the attorney general, the county commissioners on Tuesday appropriated \$500 for the advertisement of Bernallito county's resources at the state fair.

This was a positive step and in the opinion of the people generally, the next step that could be taken to insure the success of the state fair through state aid in the future. This is a critical year in the fair's history. Last year it was a great success, and the advantages derived from it during the short year have been invaluable.

The fair this year will be much smaller than it was last year, because there has been ready cooperation of practically all of the counties of the state, but such fairs, and they grow, the state this year, because there was no session of the legislature to appropriate more money.

The state fair is not for the amusement of the crowds who come here, but for the purpose of bringing the industries and the achievements of the people of the state in review before the throngs who come here from every county. It is a state exposition in its best sense. Every progressive state has such fair, and they grow bigger and better from year to year. The farmers, the livestock growers, the mardeners, the fruit raisers, all of the people find them of the highest educational value and promotion of the interests of the communities.

Bernalillo county has plenty of money. There was a time when such an appropriation could not have been made. Now it is easy, and is the best possible way of apportioning the expenses of an enterprise vital not only to the county but to the whole state. It is doubtful if any former appropriation of public funds ever made by the county for a purpose other than that specifically prescribed by statute has been so beneficial to the public as this appropriation seems to be.

A petition signed by nearly all of the substantial taxpayers of the city asked for an appropriation of \$15,000. That petition shows that the representative taxpayers fully recognize the wisdom and the propriety of liberal support of the fair from the public purse.

The price of print paper purchased in carload lots heretofore has been \$1,000 a car at the factory.

Owing to difficulty in securing pulp, the factory price now is \$2,500 per car, and the indications are that the price of print paper may go even higher.

Instead of playing even on their circulation, or taking only a small loss, at the recent prices of subscription, the advance in print paper becomes bankrupting. Hence both The Journal and The Herald announce the following subscription rates effective on and after September 1:

The Albuquerque Morning Journal, by the year, in advance.....	\$7.50
By the month.....	70¢
The Albuquerque Evening Herald, by the year, in advance.....	\$6.00
By the month.....	60¢

Whenever normal conditions are restored and circumstances will justify it, the prices above quoted will be reduced proportionately.

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By George S. Valliant, Mgr.

Don't forget! Strike or no strike,

that Tuesday, September 5th, the Fall Fair of the Albuquerque Business College opens its eighth successful year of Business Education and Training. Phone 627.

Acting For Humanity.

Senators Cummins and Hays

Propose to Create a National

Commission on War Arbitration.

Commerce Committee REACHES NO DECISION.

Washington, Aug. 29.—A suggestion

for immediate action on a resolution

to provide for an investigation of dif-

ferences between the railroads and em-

ployees, a strike period, a demand

to be imposed, was considered by the

Senate interstate commerce commit-

tee today, but no decision was re-

ached.

An alternative suggestion was for

immediate enactment of the provi-

sions for an eight-hour day and an in-

vestigation of its effect on railroad

receipts and rates, with an early re-

port to Congress; other more drastic

and complicated legislation to be con-

sidered later. Reaching no decision,

the committee adjourned until tomor-

row for an all-day hearing on legisla-

tive proposals.

REAL CASH NEEDED.

Promises are alright as far as they

go but the time has come when the

real cash is needed on those Y. M. C. A. subsciptions.

The second payment on the Finishing and Furnishing Fund was due and payable August 1. We are anxious to pay the furnishing bills that are in; so PLEASE help us by sending us your

check payable to the Y. M. C. A.

W. L. HAWKINS,

Treasurer.

N. W. BENNING,

General Secretary.

STATEMENT ISSUED TO SANTA FE MEN BY HEAD OF ROAD

President Ripley Notifies Employes That Positions of Those Who Fail to Report Monday Will be Declared Vacant.

By Evening Herald Special Wire.

Chicago, Aug. 29.—President E. P. Ripley of the Santa Fe railroad

stated this afternoon that the railroads in the event of a strike will attempt to keep at least one passenger train on each run.

Preference will next be given to trains carrying perishable freight.

Chicago, Aug. 29.—President E. P. Ripley of the Atchison, Topeka and

Santa Fe this afternoon issued a statement to employees of the road notifying them that the positions of those who fail to report for work next Monday will be declared vacant and the employment of new men will be permanent barring ill health.

Mr. Ripley's statement to employees of the Santa Fe, it is said, will be followed in substance by presidents of other roads, it is said.

"All Employes: You are notified that the brotherhoods of engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen propose to leave the employ of the company in a body. To the extent that this is carried out it will automatically throw out of employment persons connected with the company in other departments. It is therefore important that a full understanding of the conditions be set forth at the outset. You are therefore advised that—

"All persons employed by the company failing to respond to call for duty will be considered as having been discharged and will be re-employed only as new men, forfeiting all seniority and other rights and privileges.

New Men Permanent.

"Now men taken in by the company will be retained so long as their services are satisfactory.

"2. Men remaining in the employ of the company will be given the preference of positions, other things being equal.

"3. Those who may be temporarily thrown out of employment through no fault of their own will be considered as absent on vacation without pay and will not forfeit any pension or insurance rights.

Chicago, Aug. 29.—Once ten percent of the 1,200,000 square miles consumed in Chicago daily would be available in the event of a general railroad strike unless the drivers can solve the problem of motor truck transportation, according to dairy authorities.

That a motor truck famine probably will be an early result in America today, when milk dealers and other dealers and consumers of perishable goods began bidding against each other for the use of trains or motor trucks.

San Francisco, Aug. 29.—The Western Pacific railroad placed an embargo on all live stock and perishable freight today and announced its acceptance of "dead" freight only subject to

delays in delivery.

Chicago, Aug. 29.—An embargo on perishable freight and live stock, which can not reach its destination before September 1, was declared today by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway.

New York, Aug. 29.—The Southern Pacific Steamship company announced today it will not accept perishable merchandise and all freight is taken subject to considerable delay. Ships of the line connect at Galveston with rail service to the Pacific coast over the Southern Pacific rail lines.

Toppan, Kas., Aug. 29.—The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad company modified its embargo today, which can not reach its destination before September 1, was declared today by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway.

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